



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 2, FY 2011-2012

Applicant	Mojave Water Agency	County	San Bernardino
Project Title	Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update	Grant Request	\$ 959,117
		Total Project Cost	\$ 1,293,446

Project Description Complete an update to Mojave Water Agency's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to make it compliant with State standards, and prepare a Salt/Nutrient Management Plan appendix.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	6
Schedule	4
Budget	8
Program Preferences	5
Tie Breaker	0
Total Score	32

- **Work Plan** This criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation or rationales are incomplete or insufficient. It is not clear that completion of the proposed Work Plan will result in a standards compliant Plan. Although the applicant lists new subject areas to be added to their 2004 IRWMP and briefly lists the work needed to address each of the 16 IRWM standards to develop a standards-compliant IRWMP, the update focuses more on what has been done since the initial Plan was adopted than on each IRWM Plan standard. In addition, specific tasks often do not correspond to the description of what is needed within each standard. For example, for the Objectives Standard the Applicant states that the broad objectives developed in the 2004 plan will be reevaluated in the update, but the identification of the process used by the RWMG to develop the objectives is not described as contained in the current Plan or as a task in the Work Plan. Similarly, for the Integration standard, rather than describing how the standard will be incorporated into the Plan, the Applicant identifies as a task (Task 1.5) the securing of a facilitator to assure integration occurs during the planned 18 future TAC meetings.
- **DAC Involvement** This criterion is less than fully addressed and documentation or rationales are incomplete or insufficient. Part of the plan standards compliance proposed by the Applicant includes expanding stakeholder outreach to DACs and addressing their water supply needs. Task 1.4 briefly describes the goal of the DAC outreach as the identification of additional groups, but no detail is given on how groups are to be identified and targeted for outreach efforts, or how involvement from the DACs identified will be sustained past the IRWMP update.
- **Schedule** This criterion is fully addressed but not supported by thorough documentation and logical rationale. In most part, the schedule correlates with the Work Plan and Budget. The Schedule does not indicate subtasks contained in the Work Plan and thus is not fully consistent with the Work Plan.
- **Budget** This criterion is fully addressed but not supported by thorough documentation and logical rationale. The Budget seems reasonable and is consistent with the Work Plan and Schedule. The Budget items look reasonable and logical. Included in the Applicant's funding request are funds for staff time and other direct costs, which the Applicant has defined as tasks including costs for travel and for printing of



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materials. The other direct costs are substantial, totaling \$28,300, but are not broken down by category for each task. In addition, the totals for the number of staff hours per task do not match up in the subtask description with the enumeration in Table 4B (for example, 18 meetings at 10 hrs each does not equal 318 hours as shown in the “Total Labor Costs” column of Table 4B).

- **Program Preference** The Proposal demonstrates that a total of 10 of 15 Program Preferences will be achieved.
- **Tie Breaker** Not Applicable.